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IMPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE OF ISRAEL FOR
BOVINE SEMEN EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The semen must be accompanied by the enclosed U.S. Origin Health Certificate titled "Veterinary Certificate for the Importation into Israel of Bovine Semen from the United States." The certificate shall be issued by a Veterinarian authorized by the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by the Veterinary Service (VS) Veterinarian. This certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the donor bull and the semen to be exported.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The Government of Israel will allow importation of bovine semen throughout the year if it originates from the following 18 Northeastern States that are considered low-incidence or free of bluetongue: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Minnesota and Delaware. If the semen for export to Israel was collected from a bull that resided in an AI center that was not in one of the above mentioned States, then the semen must be collected during the vector-free period and meet the requirement of Item C8 on the enclosed health certificate.

The vector-free periods for the other States are as follows:

Colorado	November 11 to April 16
Idaho	November 12 to April 23
Illinois	November 27 to March 29
Iowa	November 4 to April 29
Kansas	November 18 to April 9
Kentucky	November 8 to April 13
Montana	November 2 to April 30
Nebraska	November 2 to April 28
Missouri	November 27 to April 7
New Mexico	November 24 to April 2
North Carolina	December 16 to March 16

The vector-free periods for the other States are as follows (continued from page 1):

Oklahoma	December 4 to March 22
Oregon	December 30 to March 6
South Dakota	November 5 to April 30
Tennessee	November 16 to April 3
Utah	November 18 to April 10
Virginia	December 6 to March 19
Washington	December 11 to March 30
Wyoming	October 27 to May 14

2. Interpretation of Item B (4) of the enclosed health certificate would allow the source herds of bulls introduced into AI Centers to be considered officially free of tuberculosis if no evidence existed of tuberculosis in the herd through freedom of tuberculosis of the state of origin, test records of the herd of origin, etc. Accredited free herd status is not required.

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VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR THE IMPORTATION
INTO ISRAEL OF BOVINE SEMEN FROM THE UNITED STATES

I, the undersigned, a veterinarian accredited by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), hereby certify:

- A. The United States has been free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia for at least 6 months prior to the date of collection and export of semen;
- B. That the frozen bovine semen, specified below, was derived from an Artificial Insemination (AI) Center;
 - 1. Which is under constant veterinary supervision of an official or accredited Veterinarian by the USDA;
 - 2. Which is an independent institution; it is not annexed nor a part of any premises holding any female bovines;
 - 3. Which is situated in an area of 50 km (31 miles) in radius where no case of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD), vesicular stomatitis or bluetongue (BT) was diagnosed within 5 months prior to the collection of semen for export;
 - * 4. Either the AI center is situated in one of the 18 northeastern States which are considered free of BT or satisfies requirements of paragraph C8;
 - 5. Which complies with the requirements of a tuberculosis-free herd; all animals in it, which are over 6 weeks of age, reacted negatively to at least two tests to bovine tuberculin, carried out by an official authority, at an interval of at least 6 months. The last tuberculin test was performed not later than one year ago. No animal was introduced into the AI center unless accompanied by an official veterinary certificate, specifying the negative intradermal tuberculin test and that the herd, from which the animal originated, was officially declared as tuberculosis-free;
 - 6. Which complies with the official requirements of a brucellosis-free herd. All bulls present in the AI center were tested, within 6 months of the semen collection, and were negative to the official agglutination test. All donor bulls had titers less than 30 international units. No bulls were vaccinated against brucellosis;

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7. Which has been clinically free of paratuberculosis for the 3 years preceding the date of semen collection;
 8. Which has been free of *Trichomonas fetus* and *Campylobacter fetus*, based upon tests for qualification of entry of each bull into the AI center and later, at 6 months interval, to routine tests. Date of Test _____
- C. That the frozen bovine semen, specified below was derived from bulls:
1. Which have been in AI center at least 12 months prior to the semen collection;
 2. Which have passed at least one negative serological test for bovine leucosis not less than 1 month and not more than 6 months after the date of the collection of the semen; Date of Test _____
 3. Which have passed, not less than 1 month and not more than 6 months after the date of the collection of the semen, a negative serological test for leptospirosis (L. pomona, L. grippotyphosa, L. serjoe, and L. hardjo, at 1:100 dilution); Date of Test _____
 4. Which have passed prior to entry into an AI center or later a negative bovine viral diarrhea/mucosal disease virus isolation test from the buffy coat;
 5. Which have passed at least one negative fecal culture test or complement fixation test at 1:8 dilution for paratuberculosis not less than 1 month and not more than 6 months after the date of the collection of the semen; Date of Test _____
 6. Are known to be free of congenital abnormalities, on the basis of lack of reports from farms on abnormalities in the bull's offspring;
 7. Are free of infertility (specifying the 60-90 day no return rate for each of the last 6 months prior to collection of the semen);
 - * 8. During the non vector season from _____ to _____ a sample of citrated blood collected from the donor bull of the said semen on the day of semen collection was examined for the isolation of BT virus with negative result. Date of Test _____

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D. The semen to be exported to Israel:

1. Was tested and found free of BT and EHD virus; an aliquot of semen from each ejaculate of semen for export was submitted to the virus isolation tests on _____
Date of Test; _____
(The protocol for testing procedures is enclosed.)
2. Was tested and found free of IBR/IPV virus; at least one sample of at least 0.1 cc of each ejaculation intended for export was tested by a virus isolation method with three passages in cell cultures;
3. Contains 1 mg of streptomycin or 1 million international units of penicillin in each 100 cc of diluent, or a similar antibiotic (specify name and concentration);
4. Was packed in separate portions so that separate ejaculations can be easily identified; or, was kept separately from any other semen between its collection and its shipment.

E. Description of the Donor Bull(S) and other information

1. Name and Registered Number of the Donor Bull: _____

2. Name of A.I. Center: _____
3. Name and Address of the Exporter: _____

4. Name and Address of the Importer: _____

5. Health Certificate No: _____

Type or Print Name and Address
of Issuing Accredited Veterinarian

Type or Print Name of Endorsing Federal
Veterinarian

Signature of Issuing Accredited Veterinarian
Date Issued: _____

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